

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on February 1, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 200, 1/25/2017; SB 151, 1/25/2017; SR 15, 1/24/2017

Executive Action: SR 15 - Be adopted

00:00:02 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 200, Revise laws regarding shared equity properties.

EXHIBIT(los23a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:53 Taylor Oldroyd, Montana Association of Realtors
00:08:54 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)
00:09:47 Maureen Rude, Neighborworks Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:22 Sen. Hoven
00:14:43 Ms. Trenk, MHC
00:14:52 Ms. Rude, Neighborworks
00:15:04 Sen. Hoven
00:15:23 Ms. Rude
00:17:03 Sen. Hoven
00:17:10 Ms. Rude
00:17:31 Sen. Gauthier
00:17:51 Ms. Rude
00:18:10 Sen. Gauthier
00:18:16 Ms. Rude
00:18:24 Sen. Gauthier
00:18:38 Ms. Rude
00:18:54 Sen. Sesso
00:19:27 Rep. Fern
00:19:45 Sen. Sesso
00:20:16 Rep. Fern
00:20:30 Ms. Rude
00:20:52 Sen. Sesso
00:22:23 Rep. Fern
00:22:36 Ms. Rude
00:23:26 Sen. Sesso

00:23:50 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

00:24:19 Ms. Rude
00:25:01 Sen. Buttrey
00:25:16 Ms. Rude

00:27:42 Sen. Buttrey
 00:27:52 Ms. Rude
 00:28:31 Chair Webb
 00:28:39 Ms. Rude
 00:32:47 Chair Webb
 00:32:52 Ms. Rude

 00:33:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

 00:33:21 Sen. Buttrey
 00:33:53 Sen. MacDonald
 00:34:38 Rep. Fern
 00:35:00 Sen. Vuckovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:35 Rep. Fern

 00:38:12 Chair Webb

HEARING ON SB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:31 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 151, Create local government interim committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:28 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns
[EXHIBIT\(los23a02\)](#)

 00:43:15 John Engen, Mayor, city of Missoula
 00:44:55 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
 00:48:57 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:50:59 Bob Gilbert, city of Glendive, Colstrip, Rosebud County, Mussleshell County
 00:53:12 Ed Bartlett, city of Billings
 00:55:12 Todd Devlin, president, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:38 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 32
[EXHIBIT\(los23a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(los23a04\)](#)

 01:01:18 Sen. Whitford, SD 8
 01:06:05 Rep. Doane, HD 36
 01:09:07 Rep. Kipp, HD 15
[EXHIBIT\(los23a05\)](#)

01:14:27 Sen. Cohenour, SD 42
01:17:30 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31
01:18:02 Jason Smith, director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office
01:19:04 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
01:20:56 William Walksalong, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:03 Sen. MacDonald
01:25:16 Sen. Brown
01:26:42 Sen. Hoven
01:27:08 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:49 Sen. Brown

01:28:33 Chair Webb
01:29:39 Vice Chair Lang assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:46 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 15, Confirm Governor appointees to Board of County Printing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:56 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:47 Sen. Buttrey
01:34:10 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:25 Sen. Webb

01:35:24 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 15

01:35:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SR 15 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

01:36:05 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:51 PM

Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los23aad.pdf](#))